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SUBJECT: AQUINO CASE UPDATE

REF: MANILA 13244

1. MILITARY COMMISSION NO. 2 RESUMED HEARINGS IN AQUINO CASE SEPT 15. BERNABE BUSCAYNO (COMMANDER DANTE) AND LT. VICTOR CORPUS WERE ARRAIGNED AND PLEADED INNOCENT. BOTH HAVE REFUSED SERVICES OF MILITARY AND CIVILIAN LAWYERS AND SAY THEY WILL NOT PARTICIPATE IN TRIAL. ANOTHER DEFENDANT, BENJAMIN SANGUYO (COMMANDER PUSA) HAS BEEN DISCHARGED AS A DEFENDANT AND WILL TESTIFY FOR THE PROSECUTION. AQUINO'S MILITARY LAWYER (COLONEL SANTOS) ASKED TRIBUNAL TO RELEASE HIS CLIENT ARGUING AQUINO'S CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS VIOLATED SINCE HE (SANTOS) HAD NOT BEEN PERMITTED TO INTERVIEW EITHER DANTE OR CORPUS WHO WERE POTENTIAL WITNESSES AGAINST AQUINO. MILITARY PROSECUTOR, WHO CONTENTED SANTOS HAD NOT BEEN PERMITTED TO INTERVIEW DANTE OR CORPUS BECAUSE THEY HAD REFUSED AFTER THEY HAD TESTIFIED. COMMISSION SUSTAINED PROSECUTOR'S ARGUMENT. NEXT HEARING SCHEDULED FOR SEPT 20 WITH SANGUYO EXPECTED TO BE PRINCIPAL WITNESS.

2. AQUINO TRIAL WAS FRONT PAGED IN ALL MANILA DAILIES SEPT 16 BUT AP REPORTS ONLY ABOUT 50 SPECTATORS OBSERVED ACTUAL HEARING WHICH LASTED 90 MINUTES.

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